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Elba superintendent discusses system's plans for moving forward with school year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

School returned to session this week – well, sort of any way.

The COVID-19 crisis forced Alabama schools to close the buildings to a normal classroom setting for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and move to more of a 'distance learning' setting for the fourth nine weeks. After a week of no school due to the virus followed by a week of Spring Break, Elba City Schools entered this new phase Monday morning, April 6th.

Our approach this

week is that we don't want anyone to get overwhelmed," Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley said. "Our teachers are spending this week making contact with

their students and/or parents. Mostly to say 'hi' but to also discuss their individual plans for the grade each student is in currently."

Once the instruction gets underway to complete this

school year, Moseley said each grade may be a little different in how it handles things, and he said that is perfectly acceptable per the leniency provided by the state board of education.

"As the educators, this week's plan is to build the work for our students," Moseley said. "That

means if it is later this week or even early next week before the student work packets are ready and distributed to the students, that is okay as far as our timeline goes."

He said the main message to both students and parents is to not worry if it is late this week or early next week before the student has his/her work packet, it is coming and there is plenty of time to get it all done. Not getting any in too big of a rush and/or overwhelmed is why Moseley said he and his administrators wanted this week to focus more on the teachers building the work for their students and making contact with them to say 'hi' and discuss what is coming.

"We [Elba City Schools] want to do everything we can to get the students through their classes in order to complete this school year," Moseley said. "The overall idea is to not negatively affect a student's current grade going in to this final nine weeks of the school year."

He said there may be some students struggling in a class or needs some extra attention to help him/her get a credit needed to complete these course/grade, and the teachers and staff will do everything – necessary to help make sure that students gets the help he/she needs to accomplish it.

"We are trying to include a big end-of-the-year test for students to complete the nine weeks," Moseley said. "Again, however, this is geared more to be an assessment of their learning, not something intended to harm any students' overall grade."

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Includes 5 breakfast and 5 lunch meals

Elba City Schools now delivering meals for children each Monday

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley said the school system's child nutrition program began its meal delivery program Monday, April 6, for the remainder of this school year.

Meals are distributed on Mondays only each week and includes five breakfast and five lunch meals for that week. This is for children between ages 1 through 18.

Per USDA guidelines, children must be present in order for meals to be provided. This is for pick-up of meals only, and no meals can be consumed on site.

"As long as students are participating and are at the delivery sites to receive the meals, we will continue this program through the end of

the school year," Moseley said. "However, if children are not coming to receive their meals, we will have to look at discontinuing this program. So, we encourage parents to be sure their children are coming to one of the six different delivery sites to get their meals each Monday."

The meals are being delivered via school buses, Moseley said.

The superintendent said any person or family having trouble getting to one of the delivery sites can contact him or child nutrition program coordinator Christina Morgan, and they would see if there is any possible way to help with that situation. He said he could not guarantee a resolution, but they

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Mayor Mickey Murdock confirms first COVID-19 case of an Elba resident

The first confirmed case of COVID-19 was revealed earlier this week involving a resident of the City of Elba.

Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock released a statement Monday afternoon, April 6, letting the citizens of Elba know that he had been contacted by Coffee County EMA to confirm an individual living in Elba had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. As per HIPAA [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act] rules, no identifying information on that individual was released.

HIPAA, passed by Congress in 1996, is designed to protect the rights of the individual and to secure individual health care information. Therefore, Coffee County EMA director James Brown said his office cannot give out identifying information, nor can any other public offices.

However, Brown said to keep local elected officials aware of issues in their

towns and cities, Coffee County EMA does inform mayors if they have cases of COVID-19 in their city or town when that information is provided to EMA from the Alabama Department of Public Health.

"We do not and cannot give any other identifying or location information," Brown said.

Location information means no specific identifying addresses are provided on the individual.

"The mayors are under no obligation to release this information [provided to them from Coffee County EMA] to anyone, but if they choose to in order to provide their citizens with a sense of the seriousness of this crisis we find no issue with this since it contains no other identifying information," Brown said. "If, however, they were to find out through other means and publish or discuss the per-

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Elba W&E to hold special meeting

THE ELBA WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING Monday, April 13, immediately after the Elba City Council meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information on the above announcement, call (334) 897-2333.



"BEAR HUNT" ENTERTAINS LITTLE ONES...Cade Parmer celebrated his third birthday last weekend, and despite the limitation of 'things to do' because of the COVID-19 pandemic, his family found unique ways to help the little guy celebrate his big day! One was made possible by all the citizens in Elba participating in the "Elba Bear Hunt" activity. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the idea made its way around Elba for those who wanted to participate to place a stuffed bear or other stuffed animal in a window, on a porch, somewhere in the yard, etc. to allow parents of small children to take those children on a bear hunt. Whether it be a hunt via car ride or a walk through a neighborhood, the idea was to take the minds of young children off the strange times being caused by the coronavirus and give them a fun activity to focus on instead! Bears and stuffed animals have popped up all over Elba over the past week or two. The Elba Bear Hunt idea was inspired by the children's book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. On Saturday afternoon, Cade's mom, Kayla Byrd, and his Lolly (aka grandma), Sonya Rogers, took the little guy on a bear hunt to cap off his birthday celebration. Sonya said Cade had a great time searching for bears, and he even brought his water pistol along "just in case he had to shoot any of those bears." She thanked the citizens of Elba for doing the bear hunt because it brought a smile to her grandson's face on his birthday! Above, Cade spots a big bear sitting in a tree on Forest Lake Drive [note: he was only out of his car seat long enough to check out all the bears in this particular area while the vehicle was stopped].

Purchase limits in place on several 'limited supplies' products during COVID-19 crisis

Elba Food Giant employees working hard to keep up with demand

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During this COVID-19 crisis across Alabama and the nation, grocery stores have been bombarded daily with shoppers attempting to stock their home shelves and refrigerators with necessities. This time also has included panic buyers who have purchased more than just the necessities.

The two scenarios have combined to create shortages of certain items at the grocery stores and other retailers across the state and nation. Elba's grocery store, The Food Giant, has been no exception to this ongoing problem. However, the employees of the local store have worked tirelessly to keep as many items on the shelves as possible at all times for its customers.

"Sometimes customers buy the in-demand products before we can even get them out of the boxes and on the shelves," Elba Food Giant assistant manager Josh Hughes said Tuesday



The toilet paper/paper towels isles of the Elba Food Giant remained limited in product Tuesday morning, but some of the unpacked boxes on the isle revealed new product ready to be placed on the shelves. Grocery store employees are staying super busy keeping shelves stocked during the COVID-19 crisis, which as the photo to the right shows has caused the store to place limits on the number of certain items that can be purchased each visit.

morning, April 7th. "We are trying our best to keep everything in stock as best as possible though."

A quick look through the grocery store on Tuesday morning showed employees busy restocking shelves and coolers with even more pallets of new items ready to be unboxed and shelved.

One of the hardest hit isles throughout this crisis has been the toilet paper and paper towels shelf. It remained pretty empty Tuesday morning with only a few products on the shelf, but some of the to-be-unboxed items indicated there

were products to place back in the empty spots just as soon as an already busy employee could get to it.

Hughes said other than toilet paper and paper towels, other products the grocery store has had a difficult time keeping on the shelves are disinfecting cleaning products such as Lysol, Clorox, etc. Bread products also have been in high demand, and on Tuesday morning, it was observed that there were two

different 'bread delivery trucks' in the parking lot of the Elba Food Giant with those employees working to replace their products as well.

Like many other stores, the Food Giant has been forced to place a limit on the number of items shoppers can purchase each

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Then join hand in hand brave Americans all! By uniting we stand by dividing we fall." – John Dickinson

We still have people who discount the seriousness of this Coronavirus issue, in spite of the full hospitals and mounting death tolls. We are not in that group. Folks this is serious and will not be going away next week. Experts are predicting that it may not be under control THIS YEAR! Hopefully they are wrong with this projection, and it will not offend us if they have over projected the expectations. It is far, far better to over-project the seriousness and/or length of the pandemic than to have it explode on us and have to say oops when the hospitals and funeral homes are overflowing!

These masks are not comfortable, but neither is lying in a hospital bed in pain and/or a breathing machine keeping you alive. We now have a mask and use it when planning to be around other people. These homemade masks are not 100% protection because your hands and your eyes are still exposed but they do keep your hands off your face. A very important plus for anything covering your mouth and nose is it helps prevent you from spreading the virus, even if you don't yet know you have it. We must ALL work to stem the spread of this deadly virus. Remember it shows no special preference . . . it has struck the young and the old, the rich and the poor, blue bloods, country leaders, jailbirds, the house cleaning crews and the homeless.

The Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen wrote: "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed." We see that being played out today as ordinary citizens step up and do things for others – both friends and strangers. It is not just the nurses and doctors, the first responders or firefighters, the truck driver, clerk at the grocery store or pharmacy but also those who keep the electric grids operating. Nationwide some of these people are doing jobs so important that they are actually living in their workplace during this crisis to prevent catching the virus and infecting all their co-workers. They expect to be away from their families for weeks 'just doing their job'. Then you must also acknowledge the neighbor who checks on other neighbors, expecting nothing in return because "it is the right thing to do".

The highly respected commander of the Navy nuclear aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt was fired last week after someone released a copy of his request for help after a number of his crew came down with coronavirus. Then as he was departing the ship, thousands of the crew members lined the deck and cheered him. This got them verbally criticized by the acting Navy secretary who flew to Guam to address the ship's crew. Transcripts of his speech to the sailors was a bit graphic triggering thoughts like, "cussing like a sailor" from our childhood. The Navy bigwigs have received flack for the firing, many noting they should have patted the man on the back for his efforts to protect the sailors on the ship. We spent a couple of weeks on a Navy ship in the mid 50's but definitely are not experts in this area, but we agree with the now former captain of the Roosevelt. He stuck his neck out to protect the troops. Our concept of military leaders is they should do this . . . every time. Will more heads roll over this action – we doubt it unless President Trump begins to feel the heat personally.

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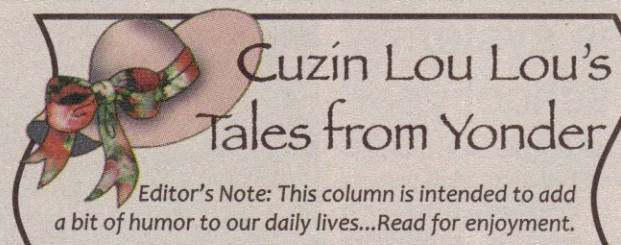
EDITORIAL

Let's work 'together' to get through this crisis in one accord

by Linda Hodge, Editor

This is a challenging time we currently are experiencing with the COVID-19 virus pandemic. It is understandable that tensions can flare up from time to time because, quite frankly, this is an unprecedented time we all are experiencing together, and the unknown is hard. But, the key word here is "together"!

I have noticed people will



Cuzin Lou Lou was participating in some social distancing earlier this week when a bug decided to invade her territory! That bug did not keep 6 feet away, and the result was not a pleasant for Lou Lou...

Lou Lou was outside minding her own business when said bug assaulted her. She was mid-sentence in telling Papa something when the bug flew directly into Cuzin Lou Lou's mouth!

The reaction was immediate... Cough, cough, gag, gag, cough again, gag some more! This went on for several minutes... well, more like half an hour because when it comes to bugs Lou Lou can be quite dramatic, especially when they invade her personal territory.

Papa laughed at Lou Lou. She did not find it funny at all!

Lou Lou went inside and rinsed her throat then followed that by swallowing some apple cider vinegar in an attempt to cleanse herself from the attacker! She coughed and gagged even more.

The whole episode reminded Lou Lou of another bug experience she had several years ago. This one actually sent her to seek medical attention.

On that terrible day several years ago, Lou Lou again was outside taking care of a chore when the bug flew into her eye. The pain was immediate, and Lou Lou starting rubbing and clawing trying her best to get rid of the predator that had gone where no bug should ever go.

Tears were pouring from Lou Lou's eye because of the havoc wreaked by that little creature. Little did Lou Lou know at the time, but the worst of this experience was yet to come.

The following day, Cuzin

argue with one another on Facebook if they do not see a situation exactly the same with the virus... Folks, who knows which one is correct. Even the so-called 'experts' out there are still trying to figure this thing out daily.

That is why suggestions and public health orders tend to change daily right now.

From the standpoint of community news reporting, it is hard to keep everyone

completely up-to-date because, well, once you publish one thing, it could change the next day. Who am I kidding...it could change the next hour.

That's okay though. We keep doing what we do, and that is trying to inform our readers in the best possible way we can each and every day.

The idea here is to publish a weekly newspaper with the best info we can for our local folks, but because the details of this crisis change so rapidly at times, we have been forced to utilize our digital avenues more this past month than ever before. It is necessary, in our opinions here at The Elba Clipper, to keep our readers as up-to-date as we can; therefore, we rely on our website and Facebook pages to do just that.

Further, it is our responsibility to report the facts and to do so in a manner that provides local citizens with good quality information but without causing any more panic or fear than the situation itself already does on its own.

We have an essential job to do as a media outlet, but there are other essential jobs which require constant interaction with the public, something the health experts recommend avoiding as much as possible currently.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, March 31, and Monday, April 6, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 – Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call at 1190 Highland Dr (10:15 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call on Edgewood Dr (3:43 p.m.); Officers responded to an ATV complaint in the area of Cherokee and Highland Dr (5:38 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint at 616 Davis St W (7:48 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 – Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Kennedy Dr (2:00 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on County Rd 239 and this led to an arrest (4:42 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic disturbance complaint on County Rd 505 (9:51 a.m.); Officers responded to a burglary call on Rebecca Lane (11:37 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Seminole Circle (4:54 p.m.); Officers responded to a burglary call Guyton St (7:33 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 – Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Putnam St (1:44 a.m.); Officers responded to a burglary call on Smith Ave (4:59 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at the Coffee County Board of Education office on Reddoch Hill (8:08 p.m.); Of-

ficers responded to a prowler complaint at a business on Highland Dr (10:25 p.m.); Officers responded to a forgery complaint at 990 Hwy 203 (10:26 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Sawyer St (3:37 a.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Claxton Ave N (4:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a missing person call at 903 Carver Dr (8:14 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic disturbance complaint on Neil Grantham Dr (3:03 p.m.); Officer responded to a burglary call at Hwy 203 and Hwy 189 S (3:56 p.m.); Officers responded to a fight complaint at 615 Jackson Ave (5:46 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic disturbance complaint on Parker St (6:11 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of a man with a gun at 1611 Parker St (7:02 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 – Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Davis St E (2:12 a.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint on Rebecca Lane (11:12 a.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint at 997 Winston Ave (3:33 p.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 2301 Old Curtis Rd (3:41 p.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 641 County Rd 401 (5:22 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – Officers responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Martin Luther King Dr (2:49 a.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint at 1299 Ann St (9:47 a.m.); Officers responded to a harassing communications complaint at an Elba Villas apartment (7:01 p.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint at the Elba Laundromat on Davis St (9:48 p.m.).

MONDAY, APRIL 6 – Officers responded to a burglary complaint at the State Farm office at 324 Simmons St (11:04 a.m.); Officers assisted with a vehicle fire in area of Hwy 189 and Hwy 141 (7:59 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint at the Ranch House at 490 Hwy 203 (10:48 p.m.).

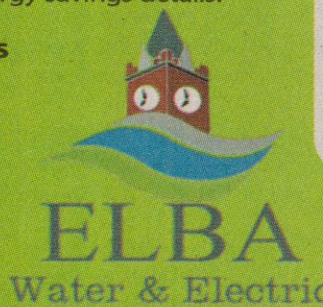
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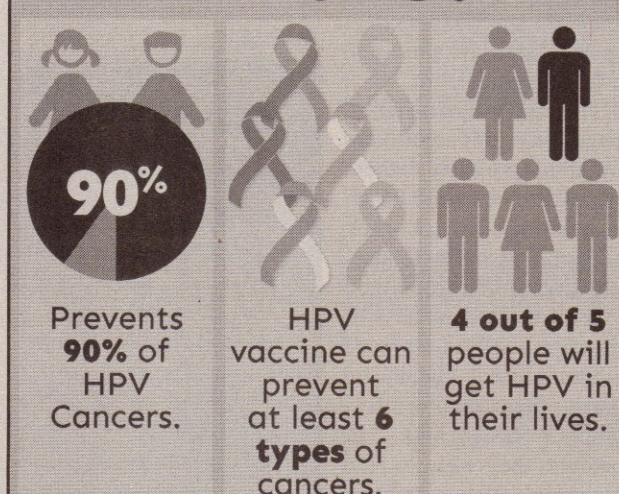
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He did note that not doing the work at all would negatively affect the student; therefore, it is important for parents to ensure their child or children are doing the work and returning it to their teacher(s).

As for the remainder of this week, the superintendent said they are asking parents/students to hold off on outside traffic coming to the schools and be patient regarding the student packets that are being built by the teachers this week.

"Next week, we will most likely do a drive-thru service at the schools where parents/students can come pick up and/or drop off things," Moseley said. "If you need something from the school immediately, please call ahead and make an appointment."

During this week, Moseley said the school staff also would be gathering up any personal belongings of the students that can be picked up next week when the drive-thru service begins. He said the drive-thru service will be used for picking up personal belongings, returning textbooks to the school, and even picking up the student work packet [when email is not available for that student].

"There will be personnel on hand for the drive-thru service," Moseley said. "When the parent/student drives up, he/she will tell the staff which grade and student name, and the staff will retrieve the belongings for that student."

Moseley said any student work packets hand delivered do not need to be returned to the school. Instead, he said the students' work should be returned to each individual teacher electronically, such as by email.

"Emails are about to be the most important asset between teachers, parents, and students," Moseley said. "Where available, the teachers will even deliver the work packets to the students via email rather than them having to pick a packet up at the school."

Moseley said utilizing email will help cut down on the number of copies having to be made by the teacher, but he assured, that the school would make any and all necessary copies for students that did not have access to email.

"Doing as much as we can electronically will be the best solution for all and it cuts down on any person-to-person contact," Moseley said.

He noted that students will be asked to return their completed work to their teacher by email [if possible]. He said the students/parents can take a photo of the completed work, scan it, etc. to return to the teacher. Also, he said if the student/parent has no way of printing off a worksheet, he/she can simply do the work on another sheet of paper and return that to the teacher for grading.

"We are trying to get a good email for the student or parent to make this process work more smoothly," Moseley said.

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sons neighborhood, street, or especially the address, we feel this would violate HIPAA rules of protection of personal health information and would open them up to legal proceedings."

Mayor Murdock's statement Monday afternoon only indicated he had been notified "that an individual

had been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus that resides in Elba." He said no other details would be released on this information in order to protect the individual.

As of press time, Tuesday, April 7, the ADPH website indicated that eight cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed thus far in Coffee County, this includes all municipalities and the rural portions of the county. There had been no deaths

Alabama Peanut Referendum Postponed

Due to the Stay-At-Home Order issued by Gov. Kay Ivey on April 3, 2020, the Alabama Peanut Producers Association has made the decision to postpone the Peanut Referendum vote scheduled for April 9, 2020.

All eligible peanut producers will be notified of the rescheduled date as soon as it becomes available.

Coffee County property tax sale delayed due to COVID-19 crisis

The annual delinquent property tax auction sale, set for next week has been postponed, according to the Coffee County Revenue Commissioner's office.

State revenue officials made the call to reschedule the sales.

The sale is at this time rescheduled for May 26, 2020. The properties that have not yet been paid will be advertised again in the

next few weeks as a reminder to property owners and potential buyers of the property.



The superintendent reiterated that the work and/or tests included during this time for students cannot hurt the students current grade going in to this fourth nine weeks. He said it can only enhance or improve a grade.

"Our goal for now is to keep the same end of school date as previously announced with our school calendar," Moseley said. "The state department of education's June 5th end of school date announced recently certainly gives us some extra time if for some reason we need to extend, but for now, we are still focused on working to end our school year for Elba City Schools at the same time as we would have prior to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Another item of interest the superintendent discussed earlier this week included the work schedule for the teachers, administrators and staff at Elba City Schools for the remainder of the school year.

"We are going to a 4-day work week, like we do each summer," Moseley said. "This will follow a basic regular school day Monday - Thursday each week."

He said administrators and central office staff would be on site each Monday - Thursday, and the teacher would be given 2-day per week work schedule where they would be able to be at the school to field questions from students/parents or make their own phone calls to the students if needed. However, he said some teacher may choose to work strictly from their home and utilize their own phone data, etc. for such matters and that is acceptable as well.

Moseley said a group of teachers would be assigned Mondays and Wednesdays to be at school while other teachers would be assigned Tuesdays and Thursdays to be at the school, if they so choose, each week. He said teachers would be working from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. during this new work schedule.

Additionally, Moseley said he had received many questions regarding graduations. He said the school system is going to do everything it can to continue to have a graduation ceremony, especially for seniors. It is postponed for now, but he said once the state allows for events to be held again, a new date would be announced for graduation for this year's seniors.

He said the school system also would look at the possibility for kindergarten and sixth grade graduations at a later date, but the priority at this time would be ensuring, obviously, a graduation ceremony for seniors first.

"We will continue to update our students and parents as often and best we can as issues arise for the remainder of this unprecedented time for our schools," Moseley said. "We will utilize our Facebook pages, our call system, and our local newspaper, etc. to deliver updates to everyone. We want our people to be as informed as we can possibly keep them while we all navigate through this time. And, most importantly, we want everyone to stay safe!"

Elba City Schools Meal Delivery Schedule

Meals Delivered Each Monday to these sites:

Morrow Village	1021 Farris Ave	10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Powell Trailer Court	Elba	10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Mullins Apartments	Kendrick St.	10:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Westside Baptist Church	1026 Caroline St.	10:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Harris Temple	747 Adams St.	10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Beaver Dam Apartments	100 Beaver Dam St.,	10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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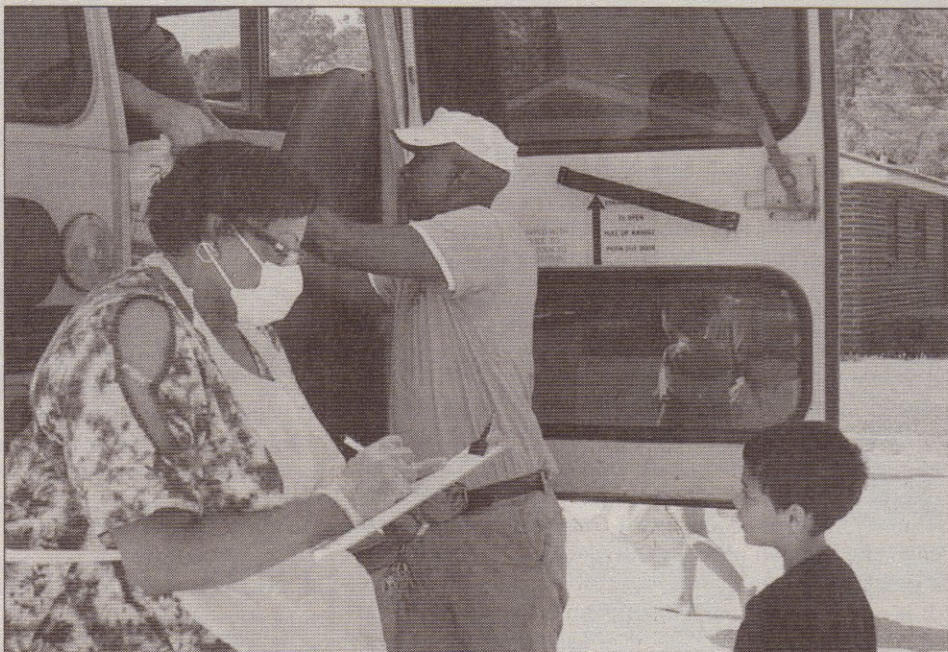
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would do everything possible to try and help.

The meals are delivered each Monday beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing through 11 a.m. following the schedule shown

above with this article.

For questions, call superintendent Chris Moseley or child nutrition program coordinator Christina Morgan at (334) 897-3000 or email Morgan at cmorgan@elbaed.com.



ELBA CITY SCHOOLS DELIVERS MEALS TO CHILDREN...The first Monday delivery of breakfast and lunch meals to Elba children from the child nutrition program at Elba City Schools was a success, according to Superintendent Chris Moseley. On Monday, April 6, Moseley said school staff delivered five breakfast and five lunch meals to 118 individual children [1180 meals total]. This meal delivery is for children in Elba between the ages of 1 - 18. The service is provided each Monday morning at locations and times shown in the chart at the top of this page. The buses will run again Monday, April 13, and children must be present to receive a weekly meal packet.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

MARSHA GAIL WOOD

Mrs. Marsha Gail Wood, age 70, a resident of Ozark, Ala., died Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family.

Marsha, along with her husband Fred, successfully owned and operated Our Place Diner in Ozark for many years.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services were held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., served the family.

Survivors include her husband: Fred E. Olive; daughters: Tina Flinn and Megan Raab; sons: Paul Potter and Brian Potter; sisters: Jackie Gentry, Faye Snyder, Sandra Wood, and Bobby DiOrio; 18 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

WILLIE MITCHELL BRAGG

Mr. Willie Mitchell "Mitch" Bragg, age 62, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., died Thursday, April 2, 2020, at his home.

A graveside service was held April 3, 2020 at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery with Rev. Larry Doster and Rev. Dale Morgan officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

A private viewing was held at Hayes Funeral Home on Friday, April 3, 4/9-pd.

CARD OF THANKS

The Family of Hazel Blackmon

wants to say 'thank you' to everyone that was there for us during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for your love, prayers, food, cards, flowers, and other acts of kindness shown during this time. We truly appreciate each of you and the things you did for us.

Mike, Brenda &

Chris Nelson

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1. Limit the number of family members participating in arrangement conferences. Teleconferencing options will be strongly encouraged and arranged by the funeral home, if possible. All in-person arrangement conferences will implement the social distancing requirements of 6 feet.
2. All in-person non-work gatherings are limited to 10 people. Funeral home employees will be assisting families in planning small graveside, chapel, church, and visitation services that meet the 10 in-person gather order. Opportunities for larger memorial or celebration of life services will be offered after the health order is lifted.
3. For those families finding it difficult to postpone a larger service, live streaming the service is an option. Funeral home employees will be happy to discuss this option with you.
4. Any arrangements made by funeral home members with bereaved families must include the social distancing practice recommended in the state health order. Family members with weakened immune systems or chronic health issues are encouraged to stay home.
5. Any family member that has been exposed to COVID-19 or is showing signs of active illness, such as fever or cough, will not be admitted to the funeral home to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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2020. Mitchell graduated from Richfield High School in Waco, Texas.

He is survived by his wife: Beverly Boutwell Bragg, Enterprise; Tom and Vicki Drummond; two nephews: Hunter (Lissa) Drummond and Spencer (Crisann) Drummond; great nieces: Hadley Kinsey and Kenley Drummond; two great nephews: Beau and Gage Drummond, all of Texas; Zeldia and Wilson Mobley, Jack, Ala.; Brannon Angela, Brenly and Addison Mobley, of Navarre, Fla.; Brittainy, David, Madison and Londyn Luckett, of Jack; Betty Boutwell, Deborah Davis, Brenda and Van Maddox, all of Jack;

Dianne and Bryan Helms of Troy, Ala.; sister: Rebecca Bragg Drummond of Oxford, Ala.; and brother: Joseph Clark Bragg of Talladega, Ala. He is also survived by special friends Hayward and Shirley Legg of Jack.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vera Nell Bragg and Willie Grafton Bragg, along with a brother, John Stephenson Bragg.

Contributions in honor of Mitchell Bragg may be made to Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Fund, 4408 County Road 223, Elba, Alabama 36323 or flowers to family at 110 Forrest Avenue, Enterprise, Alabama 36330.

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Pastor's Corner

by Diana White, Pastor
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE DARKNESS

This Lenten Season, I decided to follow the Gospel of John and will continue to do so through part of the Easter season. Immersing myself in the fourth gospel has given me a glimpse into narratives, discourses and dialogues unique to John's telling. The events of Holy Week in the Book of John are unique to this gospel. There is no turning over the tables in the Temple. That already happened at the beginning of this gospel. In the Book of John, Jesus spends most of Holy Week teaching His disciples. John chapters 13-17 are packed with a discourse on empowerment and comfort. At the end of chapter 16, Jesus explains His motive for these lectures, with some words of encouragement for the days, weeks and even years that lay ahead:

I've said these things to you so that you will have peace in me.

In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world!

John 16:33 Common English Bible

Jesus never promised that life would be easy. Jesus DID, however, promise us His presence and peace. As one of Jesus' modern disciples, I take comfort in the words in John. I hope you will join me in memorizing John 16:33 during this pandemic.

The problems of the world have now landed on our doorstep. We are no longer immune to the diseases, hardships and fear that have permeated so many places. We have entered the same darkness that we have ignored for so long. We now join this collective and connective pain that radiates to and from all people in all places.

Friends, be encouraged:

It is out of the darkness that life emerges at birth.

It is through darkness that the brilliance of stars shines in the night sky.

It is in darkness that our bodies rest well.

It is in the darkness of the world that we can see the light pierce through

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For an Appointment.

CHURCH NEWS & More

Round and About with Eria's Daughter (334) 897-3611



Scripture: A Call to Worship and Obedience [Psalm 95: 1-11]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mary Sue Dawson, Kathleen Johnson Harris, Sick, Shut-Ins, Bereaved Families, Kimberly D. Kelley, Mittie B. Edwards, Dea. J.L. Williams, Alan J. Belcher, Patients of the COVID-19 outbreak

March & April Birthdays / Anniversaries

Betty Reffegge 3/29
Shanika Pruitt 3/29
Tracey Wood 3/30
Kirby Gray 3/30
Nicholas Hines 3/30
Alfred & Vernetta Purvis 3/30 W.A.
Bill J. Robinson 3/30
Clarence Lane 3/31
Carter Johnson 3/31
Michael Smith 4/1
Eddie B. Stoudemire 4/1 (in memory)
April Duncan 4/1

"Life and good, and death and evil...therefore choose life" [Deuteronomy 30: 15-19]. How disappointing it is to see that Israel chose death! Likewise Jesus set before His disciples the way that leads to destruction and the way that leads to life, and He warned that the popular way is not the best choice [Matthew 7: 13, 14]. But consider how many are choosing the popular way today.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 4/2/20

Q: This statement comes from what (book), (chapter) and (verse) of the New Testament. For God So Loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son that whoever believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. *NKJV-Nelson Study Bible*
A: Book – John; Chapter – 3; Verse – 16

Thought to Remember

We gain strength by trusting in God

The Living God is the King

Questions for the Week of 4/9/20

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Jesus said that the cup He gave to the disciples was the _____ in His blood.

Q: Mary said, "My _____ doth _____ the Lord and my _____ hath _____ in God my Saviour."

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Governor Kay Ivey and First Baptist Church of Montgomery Pastor Jay Wolf tie a ribbon around a tree at the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery, Ala.

Governor Ivey announces Ribbons of Hope campaign

Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday, April 7, announced her "Ribbons of Hope" campaign at a ceremony at the Alabama State Capitol.

During the duration of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, Governor Ivey encourages the people of Alabama to tie ribbons around a tree or pole in their front yard as a symbol to remind everyone to pray for medical personnel, first responders, and for one another.

Tying ribbons around a tree, mailbox or fixture in a front yard will be called "Ribbons of Hope" and will symbolize faith, hope, love and prayer. During these unprecedented times, Governor Ivey hopes these simple gestures will create

unity among us and become a beacon of encouragement for everyone who sees them.

Governor Ivey was joined by several local pastors Tuesday to officially tie the first "Ribbon of Hope" on a tree in front of the Alabama State Capitol (as shown in the photo above).

"As an effort to remind the people of Alabama we are all in this together, I ask that each household tie a ribbon in their front yard to remember our medical personnel, first responders and for the health and protection of our family and friends. Let's use whatever ribbon we already have from a past celebration and may we see a beautiful array of color line our neighborhood streets," Governor Ivey said. "These ribbons will serve as a reminder to the people of our state that we are lifting each other in prayer, and that just like after the great flood in Genesis, we are mindful of the hope and promise of God during this pandemic."

Church News is Due on Mondays - Share Yours with Us!!

EVENT DATE CHANGE Notice!

The Coffee County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet that was set for Saturday, April 4, in Enterprise, Ala., has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 13th.

Church Directory

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IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND THE
LIGHT OF MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Bobby Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service...7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class...6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train...5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METH-
ODIST**
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service...9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night...7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study...9:00 a.m.
Fellowship...9:45 a.m.
Worship...10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal
and Children's Activities)...6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School...10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF
PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night...6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night...7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHOD-
IST CHURCH**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School...10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service...6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...4:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
CHURCH**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service...6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHOD-
IST CHURCH**
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship...8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting...7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting...6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting...7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service...9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service...10:30 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service...6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service...6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting...7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CH.
Linda Williams, Pastor**
Sunday...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even...7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST -
ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship...9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening...7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening...7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train...5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services...7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METH-
ODIST**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Bible Study...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST**
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed...6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service...6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class...7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser...7:00 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE AS-
SEMBLY OF GOD - SAM-
SON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship...7:00 p.m.

**PRaise & GLORY
WORSHIP CENTER**
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

**SILHOL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL
COMMUNITY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST**
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...12:00 p.m.
Even. Service...7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class...7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser...7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS
CHURCH, Elba**
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class...7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service...6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:45 p.m.
Wed. Night Service...6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship...7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

**WHITEWATER BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

**WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

**WOODLAND GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

**WOOTEN CHAPEL AS-
SEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

**ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

**ZOAR COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
John Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

LIFESTYLES

Alabama's State Health Officer issues 'Stay at Home' order and more quarantine requirements

On Friday, April 3rd, State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris issued a health order effective until April 30 which requires every person in Alabama to stay at his or her place of residence except as necessary to perform essential activities.

Anyone leaving home must maintain six feet of separation from other people. Essential activities are defined in the health order and are as follows:

- To obtain necessary supplies
- To obtain or provide necessary services
- To attend religious services
- To take care of others
- To work at essential businesses and operations
- To engage in outdoor activity
- To seek shelter
- To travel as required by law
- To see family members

Essential businesses and operations, listed below, must take all reasonable steps to avoid gatherings of 10 persons or more and maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons:

- Essential government functions
- Health-care providers and caregivers
- Essential infrastructure
- Manufacturing facilities
- Agricultural operations and farms
- Essential retailers
- Essential services
- Media operations
- Education operations
- Financial services
- Professional services
- Providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations
- Construction and construction-related services
- Essential public services
- Military or defense operations
- Essential services or product providers
- Religious entities
- Federally designated critical infrastructure
- Other state-designated essential businesses and operations

Any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 shall be quarantined to their place of residence for a period of 14 days after receiving positive test results.

Covington Electric CoOp extends suspension of electric service disconnects for non-payment through April 30th

Covington Electric Cooperative [CEC] is continuing to work with its members during this unprecedented health crisis.

CEC has extended its suspension of electric service disconnects for non-payment through April 30. Late fees and arrangement fees will also be waived during this time period.

CEC reminds its members that payments for electric service are still due by the members' due dates and the co-op encourages all members who are not financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to pay their bills on time. This will

South Alabama Electric Cooperative's office remains closed through April 30th

South Alabama Electric Cooperative's office will remain closed through April 30th in an effort to continue doing what is best for employees and members.

SAEC is continuing to assess the situation daily and considers the health of members and employees to be a top priority.

While the lobby is closed, SAEC is not. The cooperative is still working to provide excellent service and respond to any outages that may occur.

Because of this there are numerous ways to conduct business. SAEC encourages members to take advantage of a variety of options to pay their utility bill:

- Visit southaec.com.

Quarantined persons may not leave their place of residence for any reason other than to seek necessary medical treatment.

The statewide order also requires quarantined persons to take precautions as directed by their health care provider or the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to prevent the spread of the disease to others. Persons needing assistance with their needs while under quarantine may contact Alabama Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). Requests for exemptions will no longer be accepted. One of the items addresses attendance at religious services and reads as follows:

"A person may leave his or her place of residence to attend an event that is a religious worship service, wedding, or funeral in either of the following circumstances:

- (i) The event involves fewer than 10 people and the people maintain a consistent six-foot distance from one another; or
- (ii) The event is a "drive-in" worship service that adheres to the following rules:

1. All participants shall remain in their vehicles for the entirety of the service;
2. The participants in each vehicle all share the same place of residence; and
3. Participants do not interact with participants in another vehicle."

Regarding grocery stores, pharmacies and other stores, the following rules apply:

Emergency maximum occupancy rate. A retail store shall allow no more than 50 percent of its normal occupancy load inside the store at any one time. The store must station enough staff at the store entrances and exits to enforce this requirement.

Social distancing. An employee of a retail store may not knowingly allow customers or patrons to congregate within six feet of one another.

Sanitation. A retail store shall take reasonable steps to comply with guidelines on sanitation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and ADPH.

CEO and general manager. "We're asking our members to also honor this practice by keeping a safe six feet distance from our employees if they encounter them on, or near their property while working. CEC is also closing our drive thru windows at all offices until further notice beginning April 7."

CEC members have several ways to make payments, sign up for new service, and conduct other co-op related business as needed. Some of these methods including using the CEC website

covington.coop, the CEC App or by calling 800-239-4121 during regular business hours.

CEC will continue to update its members regarding changes to office procedures, billing policies, etc., through its website and Facebook page.

"We truly appreciate our great members and we want everyone to know that we are in this together and we will get through this together," said Short.

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Due to the COVID-19 health restrictions, many of our businesses have closed their dining halls and shopping areas, BUT they are still open for business in other ways! Use drive-thrus, order takeout, order online for curbside pickup or shipping, call ahead, etc.

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Permissible reasons for people to leave their residences and places where they may go are described in more detail in the health order which may be viewed at alabamapublichealth.gov.

The April 3rd order supersedes and preempts all orders previously issued by the State Health Officer and Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers concerning COVID-19 mitigation measures. Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers are authorized, after approval by the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require.

**** Editor's Note: To read the entire "Stay at Home" Public Health Order issued Friday, April 3, by Dr. Harris, visit The Elba Clipper's website at www.elba-clipper.com or The Elba Clipper's Facebook page.**

Lifestyles News is Due on Monday!

Coffee County's first COVID-19 confirmation of a resident announced last Thursday, April 2nd

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reported Thursday, April 1, its first case of COVID-19 in a resident of Coffee County.

As of Tuesday afternoon, April 7, Coffee County was up to eight confirmed cases involving residents.

Statewide, there had been 2,105 total confirmed cases of the virus as of 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, with 271 hospitalizations of those sick with COVID-19. At that time, 39 deaths of Alabamians had been attributed to the virus and an additional 17 deaths remained under investigation to see if they too would be attributed.

Most patients with COVID-19 infection have mild respiratory illness along with fever, cough and shortness of breath. Some have more severe symptoms that require hospitalization.

Health officials urge anyone experiencing symptoms to first notify their healthcare provider so that proper precautions can be

ADPH provides a toll-free phone line for information about available testing sites and hours of operation statewide at 888-264-2256. Also, more information is available by clicking "Coronavirus" on the home page of alabamapublichealth.gov



ABOVE: Last Thursday afternoon, April 2, these three young ladies - Alyssa Kyles, Kayla Seay, and Mone Martin - took their puppy Sambu to the Elba Dog Park, and the pleasant weather inspired them to spread their picnic lunch "on the ground" while Sambu romped around the park.

RIGHT: Katelyne Turner also took advantage of the weather and visited the Elba Dog Park with her dog Hank Thursday afternoon. Katelyne said she and Hank are regular visitors to the outdoor facility.



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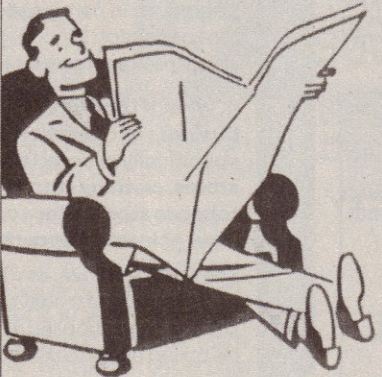
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ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MILFORD W. JOHNSON, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2020-011

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted, the 19th day of March, 2020, to Jerry William Johnson and Milford Timothy Johnson as Personal Representatives/Co-Executors, respectively, of the Estate of Milford W. Johnson, Deceased, who departed this life on the 19th day of January, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jerry William Johnson
Jerry William Johnson, Personal Representative/Co-Executor of the Estate of Milford W. Johnson, Deceased/s/ Milford Timothy Johnson
Milford Timothy Johnson, Personal Representative/Co-Executor of the Estate of Milford W. Johnson, Deceased

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New Brockton Fire Department Request for Proposal

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS

The New Brockton Fire Department (Purchaser) requests bid proposals for the specified Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to be received by the Purchaser no later than

Date: April 15, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM

METHOD OF BIDDING

The Purchaser requests bid proposals for a set of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the name and

address of the CONTRACTOR and the words "New Brockton Fire Department – SEALED BID FOR Self Contained Breathing Apparatus"

If forwarded by carrier, the sealed envelope must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to:
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C/O Arnold Woodham
Post Office Box 338
New Brockton, AL 36351**Bid Opening will be at **New Brockton Fire Department**

If you have Question contact: Chief Arnold Woodham at 334-470-0014.

PREPARATION OF BIDS

Bids not submitted on the official bid forms and in the prescribed manner will be considered invalid and will be disqualified.

All costs much include freight, delivery, and assembly, where applicable. Proposals taking total exception to bid specifications will not be accepted.

Contractor must assure that any bid will be valid for a period of 60 calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

No bid will be considered which requires the Purchaser to make a down payment or progress payment. A list of available options with pricing must be included.

The Purchaser reserves with right to evaluate bids that will meet their needs and my reject any and all bids with or without cause.

Any references to manufacturer or brand names are for reference purposes only and are not intended to exclude products from other manufacturers. Equivalent products will be accepted; however product information should be included so a fair comparison to the specification may be made.

A copy of the official bid package with all specifications and required forms for submission may be requested via email at new-

brocktonfd@yahoo.com

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by RICKY ONIEL STRICKLAND AND DERONDA STRICKLAND, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on November 24, 2015, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in OFFREC 718, Page 384, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 21st day of April, 2020, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

The E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 18, Township 5, Range 21, which lies North of the Elba and Enterprise Highway, and containing about 15 acres, more or less, situated, lying and being in the County of Coffee, State of Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A lot or parcel of land heretofore conveyed to Mr. E. G. Brunson (now owned by Grady T. Barefoot), described as: A lot or parcel of land in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 5, Range 21 in Coffee County, Alabama and containing 3 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of the property of Leon Roberts and wife, Foye Roberts, where the same joins the property of Grady Barefoot; thence North along the line for 831.5 feet; thence East for 120 feet; thence South 350 feet; thence East 60 feet; thence South 481.5 feet to the North margin of U. S. 84; thence West along the North margin of U. S. 84 for 180 feet to the point of beginning.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject

to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagors' default, including attorney's fees.

Please be advised that Allen C. Jones, as a debt collector, is attempting to collect the debt identified herein and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF JAMES E. FLOWERS, DECEASED**PROBATE COURT**
PC 2020-009Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 2nd day of April, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law of the same will be barred./s/ Kimmey E. Flowers,
Personal Representative
4/9, 13 & 23-pd.

"Stay at Home" Statewide Public Health Order Frequently Asked Questions for Businesses

1. May I do X, Y, or Z?

The answer depends on the language of the state health order. But before asking whether you can legally do X, Y, or Z, ask yourself, "Is doing X, Y, or Z a good idea?" If doing X, Y, or Z would increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19, try not to do it.

2. May I continue operating my business?

It depends. Under the order, people may leave home for certain work-related reasons, such as to work for one of the many listed "essential business and operations." People can also leave home to help any business "maintain" its value (e.g., security, payroll, inventory), to enable other people to work or shop remotely (including curbside pickup or delivery), or if their work requires no regular interaction within six feet of another person. Some businesses, however—the entertainment venues, athletic facilities, and "close-contact" service providers listed in paragraph 5—are specifically closed to nonemployees.

3. How do I know if a business or operation may continue operating as "essential"?

Please refer to the list of essential businesses and operations in paragraph 2 of the order. Note especially that paragraph 2 incorporates this list of essential infrastructure from the federal government.

4. What if I operate a store that is not an "essential" business or operation, but the store is not specifically ordered to close—for example, furniture stores, clothing stores, beauty supply stores, or tobacco stores. May I continue operating my store? May I at least offer curbside pickup or delivery?

See FAQ #2 above, as well as paragraph 1 of the order allowing people to leave home to get "necessary" services and supplies. Taken together, these rules can be boiled down to this: "You can always deliver. And if the customer can leave their house for it, you can meet them at the curb."

5. What if my business provides services but is not on the "essential" list and is not specifically closed—for example, pet groomers, home cleaning services, or lawn services? May I continue operating my business?

It depends. As mentioned above in FAQ #2, people can leave home to work if they will have no regular

interaction within six feet of another person. So home cleaning services and lawn services conceivably may continue to operate. If you provide a service that requires customers to leave their homes, remember that they may leave only to get "necessary" services as defined in paragraph 1 of the order.

6. May I change my business model to become an "essential" business or operation?

Yes, if your business truly becomes an essential business or operation. But if you try to circumvent the order without fully becoming an essential business or operation, then you are in violation of the order and will face criminal liability.

7. If I may continue operating my business, what steps must I take to protect customers and employees?

Essential businesses and operations must take "all reasonable steps" to avoid gatherings of 10 or more persons. They also must take "all reasonable steps" to keep customers and employees six feet apart from one another. Beyond that, "essential retailers"—for example, grocery stores, pharmacies, and "big box" stores—must implement a 50% "emergency maximum occupancy rate," keep customers six feet apart, and follow sanitation guidelines from public health authorities. For details, see paragraph 6 of the order. And remember: Even if your business may continue operating, you are always encouraged to go above and beyond the requirements of the order to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

8. May I continue operating my childcare center?

Child day care facilities may continue to operate if 12 or more children are not allowed in a room or other enclosed space at the same time. These facilities are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation and social-distancing practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

9. If I may continue operating my business, will the government provide my employees "credentials" to allow them to go to and from work?

No, the government will not be issuing credentials. But you can do so, if you would like to. The decision whether to issue credentials to your employees is left up to you.

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“Stay at Home” Statewide Public Health Order Frequently Asked Questions for Individuals

1. May I do X, Y, or Z?

The answer depends on the language of the state health order. But before asking whether you can legally do X, Y, or Z, ask yourself, “Is doing X, Y, or Z a good idea?” If doing X, Y, or Z would increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19, try not to do it.

2. When can I leave my home?

You may leave home only to do “essential activities” allowed by the order. For example, you can go get “necessary” services or supplies, and you can help other people (or pets) get these necessary services or supplies. You can also go to work in some circumstances. There are a few other “essential activities” listed in the order; most are addressed in some way on this FAQ.

3. What are “necessary” supplies or services?

The order gives several examples of necessary services and supplies—for example, food, pharmaceuticals, gas for your car, and emergency medical care. In each case, the services and supplies must be “necessary” for a person’s (or a pet’s) safety, sanitation, or daily routine. But remember: Always ask yourself whether going somewhere, even for “necessary” supplies and services, would increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission. If you can delay, delay.

4. Can I go to church? What about weddings and funerals?

Yes, you may attend these services, but only in limited circumstances. A service can proceed in person if it involves fewer than 10 people spaced at least six feet apart from one another. Or, it can be a “drive-in” service where people remain in cars with other people from their household—spaced six feet away from people in other cars. To help prevent COVID-19 transmission, every effort should be made to conduct these services through remote participation.

5. What can I do outside? Can I play golf or tennis? Can I take my children to the playground? What about boating, hunting, and fishing?

Generally, you may go outside as long as you stay six feet apart from other people—and never congregate in a group of 10 or more people. But some outside

activities are specifically prohibited—including spectator sports, sports that involve interaction within 6 feet of another person, activities that require the use of shared equipment, and commercial or public playground equipment. In short, keep exercising and go outside—but avoid activities that increase the risk of spreading COVID-19.

6. Am I allowed to leave home for work?

Yes. You may go to work if your workplace is one of the many “essential businesses and operations” listed in the order. Even if your work is not listed as “essential,” you may also go to work if doing so would allow your employer to “maintain” its value (for example, providing security or managing inventory), or if doing so would allow other people to work or shop remotely (including drive-by, curbside, and delivery), or if doing so would require no regular interaction within six feet of another person.

7. What about cleaning services, remodeling crews, home health workers, and lawn services? In other words, can people come to my home to provide services?

It depends. As mentioned above in question 6, people can go to work for an “essential” business or if they will have no regular interaction within six feet of another person. So it may be legal to provide some of these services at your home, especially lawn services. (“Home health workers and aides” are specifically listed as essential.) But always ask, “Is this a good idea?” If you can delay the service, delay it.

8. May I leave my home to transfer custody of my children? What about visiting family?

Yes, the order allows people to leave home to travel as required by court order, including specifically the “transportation of children as required by a custody agreement.” You may also visit family, as long as it’s at their place of residence.

9. When I do leave home, does it matter how I travel? Can I travel by bus? What about airlines?

The order does not prohibit any method of travel. But remember: You should make every effort to avoid situations that increase the risk of spreading COVID-19.

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Citizens found ‘social distancing’ at the Coffee County Lake last week...



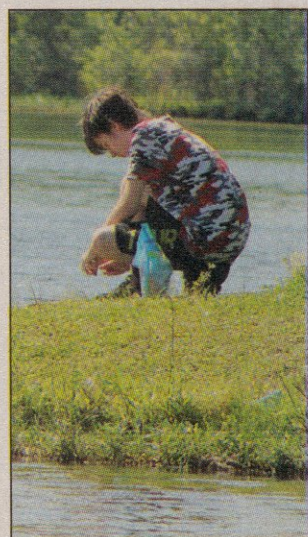
Last Thursday afternoon, April 2, many county residents were located ‘social distancing’ themselves from others at the Coffee County Lake as they wet a hook trying to pull in a big catch!

Outdoor recreation is considered an essential activity as part of the state’s “Stay at Home” public health order announced last Friday, and fishing among the approved activities as long as citizens keep their 6-ft. distance between one another.

The Coffee County Lake is a good place to do just that as it is an 80-acre lake with fish such as largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, and crappie.

The lake is located at 3086 County Road 364, Elba.

Last Thursday, lake employees said they had been quite busy on that beautiful sunny day!



Governor Ivey launches state’s guide to COVID-19 relief efforts

Governor Kay Ivey on Monday, April 6, announced the launch of altogetheralabama.org, an online resource that will serve as a hub of information for the state’s response to the coronavirus crisis.

The site becomes the state’s official guide to COVID-19 relief efforts, to help empower those impacted by the outbreak and those who want to offer support.

“We wanted to quickly create a trusted resource that centralizes information, resources and opportunities for businesses and individuals in need of support,” Governor Ivey said. “We are all in this together.”

The website is designed to be a comprehensive guide to aid in navigating all issues related to the COVID-19 response. Individuals and business owners can seek help and identify state and federal resources that can provide a lifeline in the form of low-interest loans and financial assistance.

Business owners, for example, can learn about the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program, which launched April 3 to provide a direct incentive for them to keep their workers on the payroll. Displaced workers, meanwhile, can use the site to learn about enhanced unemployment benefits.

“It’s important for Alabama’s business owners and its workforce to take full advantage of the resources being made available through the federal government’s \$2 trillion coronavirus relief package,” said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce. “The site is

meant to expedite the process so both employers and employees can get back up on their feet as fast as possible.”

At the same time, the site will function as a pathway for Alabama’s good corporate citizens and the general public to offer support and solutions that can help spark recovery across the state. It will act as a portal for companies, non-profits and individuals to volunteer, make donations of supplies, offer an assistance program, and even post job openings.

The site was developed in partnership with Opportunity Alabama, a non-profit organization that promotes investment in the state’s designated Opportunity Zones.

“Over the last two years, Opportunity Zones have allowed us to build a network of stakeholders that care deeply about helping distressed places,” said Alex Flachsbart, Opportunity Alabama founder and CEO. “We hope this site will provide a gateway linking our network to those businesses and communities in economic distress, no matter where they are in Alabama.”

“These are challenging times,” added Governor Ivey. “We needed a place to efficiently and rapidly post and disseminate information – as soon as it’s available – for all affected parties. Thank you for your support and partnership in helping bring Alabama together.”

Any business, program or individual who would like to join ALtogether as a resource in COVID-19 response and relief can register at altogetheralabama.org/join

Elba’s American Legion Post #42 seeks participants in essay contest for Alabama Girls and Boys State

Elba’s American Legion Post 42 is asking students who are in the 11th grade to enter an essay contest for Alabama Girls and Boys State. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the essay contest is being handled differently this year.

The young man or lady selected will participate in government such as Senate, House of Representatives and the Governor. He/she also will participate in county offices such as Sheriff and Probate Judge just to name a few. They will be competing for scholarships besides the one they will receive just for attending the event.

The essay topic is: Many great leaders are determined and committed to their causes. The students are asked to write about something he/she feels passionately about—and then

explain how he/she could lead others to also care about the cause. The essay must be 1-2 pages, but no more than 3 pages please.

Include a cover page with title, student’s name, phone number, email address and home address so American Legion officials can notify the winner. DEADLINE for essay submission is April 24, 2020.

Boys State and Girls state will be held at the University of Alabama. Boys State will be held from May 31 until June 6, 2020 and Girls State will be from June 9 until June 14, 2020. Post 42 will pay the registration fees for one girl and one boy.

Email essay to elbapost42@gmail.com or mail to 813 Claxton Ave, Elba, AL 36323. Parents may call Elba Post Commander Jenny Reed at 706-761-1698 with any questions.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
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PressboxBy Ricky Mularz,
Sports Editor

We haven't seen our grandson Lawson in almost two weeks, but do call him daily on his Mom's cell phone to make sure he doing well and to remind him to keep studying even though he isn't in school. Lawson really loves going to school and being with his friends, and admitted last week that now he sometimes forgets what day it is. We tell him that it will all be over pretty soon and next year the school will be back open and everything will be better than ever.

For what it is worth....

*** *I have read a lot over the past weeks* about how high school and college coaches are keeping up with their players during the school closures, and found it interesting that the SEC is looking into a story that Alabama is monitoring its players on Apple watches as it keeps check on the players sleep, exercise patterns and basic health issues. I'm not sure if the fact the school may have passed out the expensive watches drew the attention of the conference office, or just the fact that other coaches thought Nick Saban and his staff may have outsmarted them, again.

*** *As far as high school coaches go*, most are in contact with their players over the computer as they direct workout routines and keep a check on what they are doing to stay in shape. Now that most schools in the state are doing 'distance learning' in all classes, the coaches can issue daily activities to the students in physical education classes and get the students to even prove over their cell phone or over social media that they are actually working. I know it isn't the same as holding a team conditioning class, but where there is a will there is a way, especially in the world of sports.

*** *The AHSAA apparently has confidence* in our nation's medical professionals since they last week named the players that will compete this year in the annual North-South games in all sports. The events are scheduled for late July, which is over 12 weeks away, and hopefully the folks up at the state office will get to stage the events as a kind of 'welcome back' to high school sports.

*** *The fishing has picked up* at the Coffee County Lake, and when the anglers find the right spots they are hauling in great catches. Last week I saw a couple of big bass, a stringer filled with catfish, and lots of stringers filled with bream. Everyone that fishes doesn't catch their limit, but that is why they call it fishing instead of catching!

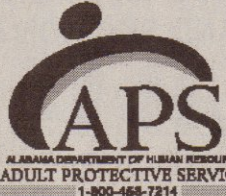
*** *In closing....* I don't know about you, but I am tired of scanning the dial on my TV and finding classic baseball, classic basketball, classic football, and even classic boxing. I have become a big fan of westerns in recent weeks, and one night last week even saw a movie that was so old that James Arness (Matt Dillon) was a bad guy. Oh well, it is time to stay home and stay safe, and I guess that means more westerns.

Next week... a look back at the baseball and softball seasons and a salute to the seniors.

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Two Lady Tigers receive HM Kinston's Lunsford named to 'Super 12'

The Dothan Eagle has named its 2020 "Super 12" high school girls basketball selections and included on the list is Kinston Lady Bulldog standout Courtney Lunsford.

Lunsford, a senior, averaged 14.1 points per game, 7.1 rebounds, and 4.5 steals per game to help lead the Lady Bulldogs to a sub-region berth and the runner-up spot in the area standings.

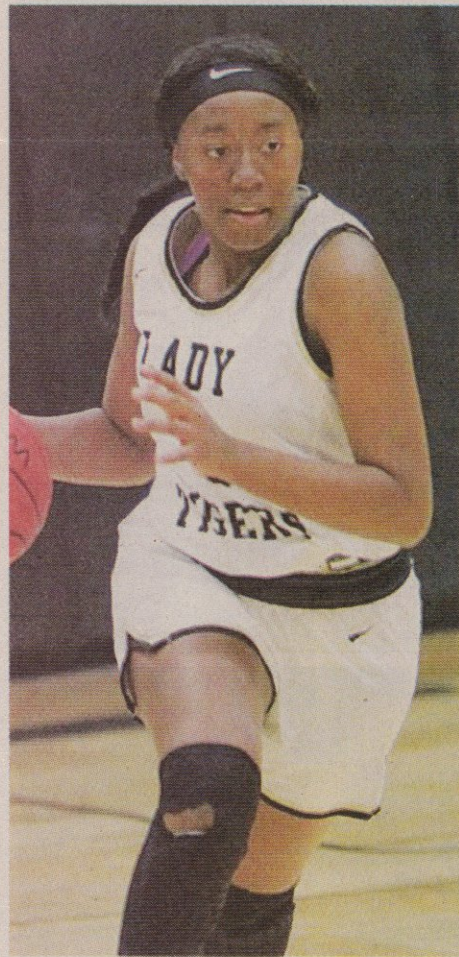
A pair of Elba Lady Tigers received 'honorable mention' in the annual list of the top players in the Wiregrass, as Nina Williams and Jaylyn Baker were both honored. Williams, a sophomore, averaged 12.1 points and 5.9 rebounds per game during the regular season, while Baker, a junior, was the MVP of the Southeast Region tournament and during play in three games at the region and state tournament scored a total of 25 points, pulled down a total of 31 rebounds and blocked a total of 11 shots.

The complete 'Super 12' list included Kaitlin Peterson, Eufaula, junior; Alexis Hudgens, Dothan, junior; Naira Jones, Charles Henderson, senior; Samira Moore, Charles Henderson, senior; Darian Bell, Ashford, senior; Adrianna Galloway, Headland, senior; Madisen Grimsley, Abbeville, senior; Zakyria Johnson, Arlton, senior; Mary Beth Long, G.W. Long, senior; Karoline Striplin, Geneva County, junior; and, Jordyn Crews, Carroll, junior.

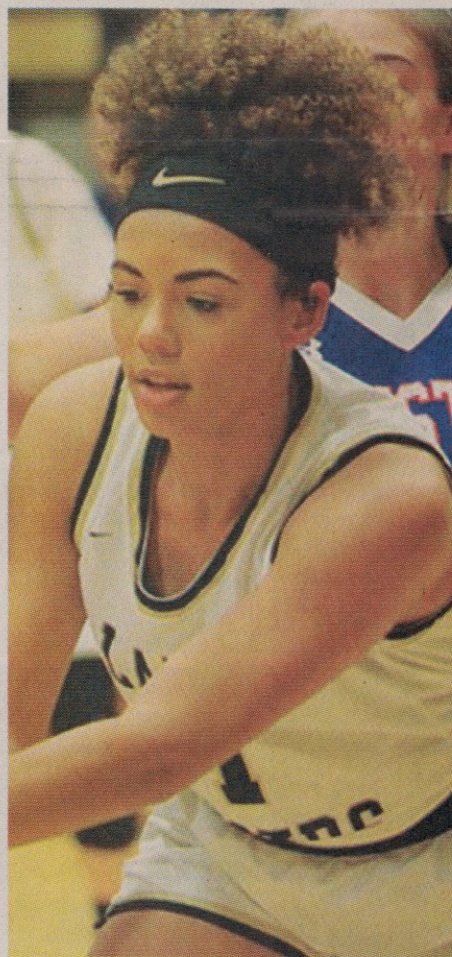
Players receiving honorable mention included Brianna Reese, Dothan; Amiyah Rollins, Dothan; Denahria Hicks, Eufaula; Zahria Hoskey, Eufaula; Sylvia Somma, Rehobeth; Jayden Blackmon, Headland; Alexis Neal, Headland; Madison Johnson, Geneva; Shekinah McDaniel, Providence Christian; Autumn Mayes, Providence Christian; Jamya Glover, Abbeville; Willow Brumfield, Cottonwood; Jordyn Alston, Geneva County; Charlianna Boutwell, Geneva County; Emmaline Hughes, G.W. Long; Makenna Long, G.W. Long; Ashlyn Simpson, Northside Methodist; Lucy Griffin, Northside Methodist; Shelby Renfro, Pike Liberal Arts; Anna Murph, Lakeside; and, Analeigh Givens, Abbeville Christian.



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